



# **NEEDHAM PUBLIC HEALTH DIVISION**



## **Update on COVID-19 From the Town of Needham and Needham Public Health**

April 7, 2020 – The Town of Needham and Needham Public Health today provided the following update regarding COVID-19.

### **State DPH COVID-19 Numbers**

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health is reporting that as of April 7, 2020 there are:

- 15,202 cases statewide
- 1,592 Norfolk County
- 356 deaths statewide

### **Needham COVID-19 Numbers**

As of April 7, 2020: Needham has had a total of 61 confirmed cases of COVID-19, and 31 community members have recovered from the virus. Two public safety employees have had confirmed cases. Those two employees are recovered. Town data is updated Tuesdays at 5 pm.

It's important to remember that most people who are confirmed to have COVID-19 recover. For more state data, visit [www.mass.gov/coronavirus](http://www.mass.gov/coronavirus).

### **Your Question: Is There a List of Restaurants Doing Take-out and Delivery?**

We've received requests from many of you to share a list of restaurants that are open for delivery and take-out as well as the hours of those restaurants that are open. Thanks to the work of the Newton-Needham Chamber of Commerce and our very own community members, there are at least two great resources to help you find your next great meal. Check out the Chamber's [list](#) or visit the Facebook Group [Needham Restaurants](#). Needham Public Health has provided guidance to all food establishments on safe delivery and takeout protocols and is doing ongoing inspections of restaurants to ensure safe food handling practices.

### **Chamber of Commerce Hosts Webinar Wednesday for Needham Businesses with Town Officials**

The Newton-Needham Chamber of Commerce hosts a webinar Wednesday, April 8, 2020 at 11 am for Needham businesses. Join Needham Town Manager Kate Fitzpatrick, Select Board Chair John Bulian, Health and Human Services Director Timothy Muir McDonald and Public Information Officer Cyndi Roy Gonzalez as well as Margaret Laforest, Regional Director, MA office of Business Development for an online discussion about the town's response to Covid-19 and challenges facing our businesses and nonprofits, followed by your questions. Register for this free event [here](#).

### **Select Board Meets Virtually Thursday to Receive COVID-19 Update**

The Select Board meets via Zoom Thursday, April 9, 2020 at 4 pm to receive an update on COVID-19. To listen and view this virtual meeting on a phone, computer, laptop, or tablet, download the "Zoom Cloud Meeting" app in any app store or at [www.zoom.us](http://www.zoom.us). Click on "Join a Meeting" and enter the meeting 607 456 201 or click the link below to join the webinar: <https://zoom.us/j/919337444>. The Needham Channel will also stream the meetings on its website and carry it on their Municipal and HD Channels.

### **Town Manager and Superintendent Share How They're Keeping Needham Going During COVID-19**

Thank you to The Needham Channel for helping us share with the community how the Town and Schools are managing during the COVID-19 pandemic. Town Manager Kate Fitzpatrick talks about



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keeping government operating and Superintendent Dan Gutekanst talks about how students, teachers and staff are creatively continuing teaching and learning. Plus, a Dr. Fauci connection!

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### **A Note from Park and Rec Regarding Summer Volunteers**

Considering the current guidance from Governor Baker, our 2020 Summer Volunteer registration has been **postponed**. Given the environment of uncertainty, the Park and Recreation team feels that postponing the registration for this program is in the best interest of the participants of our programs, our staff and our volunteers. We will provide another update the week of April 20<sup>th</sup>. This update may include any changes that will be made to our program as well as our new registration date, if that information is available.

We at Park and Recreation hope that all of our families and friends in Needham are doing well and staying healthy. Should you have any questions, please email [parkandrecreation@needhamma.gov](mailto:parkandrecreation@needhamma.gov).

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